

# HOUSE BILL No. 1426

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 20-10.1-34.

**Synopsis:** School readiness grant. Provides a school readiness reimbursement grant to any parent whose child is ready to enter grade 1 without attending a kindergarten offered by a public school.

**Effective:** July 1, 2005.

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January 13, 2005, read first time and referred to Committee on Education.

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First Regular Session 114th General Assembly (2005)

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education finance and to make an appropriation.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1 SECTION 1. IC 20-10.1-34 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3 JULY 1, 2005]:

4 **Chapter 34. School Readiness Reimbursement Grants**

5 **Sec. 1. (a) This section applies to a child who:**

- 6 (1) **did not attend a kindergarten offered by a public school;**  
7 (2) **has not completed more than thirty (30) school days (as**  
8 **defined in IC 20-8.1-4-20) in grade 1 in any public or**  
9 **nonpublic school; and**  
10 (3) **successfully completes an assessment that indicates**  
11 **readiness to attend grade 1, as determined by standards**  
12 **developed by the department under section 3 of this chapter.**

13 (b) **After June 30, 2005, the parent of a child described in**  
14 **subsection (a) is entitled to receive a grant of one thousand dollars**  
15 **(\$1,000).**

16 (c) **To receive a grant under subsection (b), the parent of a child**  
17 **described in subsection (a) must apply for the grant on the forms,**



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1 in the manner, and before the date prescribed by the department.

2 Sec. 2. School corporations shall administer the assessment and  
3 grant program under this chapter for the department. The  
4 department may provide for nonpublic schools to administer any  
5 part of the assessment and grant program.

6 Sec. 3. The department shall develop:

7 (1) an assessment that may be used by a school corporation,  
8 including a charter school, to determine a child's readiness to  
9 attend grade 1;

10 (2) the application form for a grant; and

11 (3) all other necessary standards and procedures to  
12 implement the assessment and grant program.

13 A charge may not be imposed on a parent or child to make an  
14 application, take an assessment, or receive a grant under this  
15 chapter.

16 Sec. 4. A grant awarded under this chapter shall be paid from  
17 the state general fund not later than sixty (60) days after the  
18 department receives notice that a child has successfully completed  
19 an assessment that indicates that the child is ready to attend grade  
20 1.

21 Sec. 5. The amount necessary to provide grants under this  
22 chapter is annually appropriated from the state general fund.

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